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Governor Togiola wants detailed review of immigration procedures at Honolulu Airport

Governor Togiola Tulafono has requested that the procedures implemented by immigration officials at the Honolulu International Airport be reviewed in detail and revised, if necessary, to ensure that situations similar to that which took the life of Baby Futi earlier this year are avoided.

The Governor made the request during his recent visit to Washington DC from which he returned on Thursday, March 6.

According to the Governor's statement, American Samoa is very concerned over the Department of Homeland Security, Border Control and Immigration procedures for patients from American Samoa who are medically evacuated during emergency situations.

He referred to the case of Baby Futi who was born in American Samoa but traveled to Hawai'i seeking emergency medical assistance.

Baby Futi's mother is a Samoan national who accompanied the child along with an American Samoan nurse.

"Immigration officials at the Honolulu International Airport detained the traveling party," Togiola explained. During detention, the infant died while awaiting clearance from Immigration officials.

"This extremely unfortunate situation should never have occurred," Togiola said. He concluded, "It is American Samoa's intent that this situation is never repeated and therefore, we request that the procedures implemented by immigration officials at the Honolulu International Airport be reviewed in detail and revised, if necessary, to ensure that similar situations and unnecessary loss of life are avoided at all costs."

American Samoa covered under newly installed tsunami detection buoys

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has announced that the last two tsunami detection buoys have been installed, completing the US tsunami warning network.

The great news comes at time when local residents continue to panic about the possibility of destructive waves hitting the territory, similar to the deadly tsunami of December 2004 that claimed countless lives in Indonesia.

Since then, NOAA has expanded its buoy network from 6 in the eastern Pacific to 39 across the Pacific and Atlantic.

The final two deep-ocean assessment and reporting of tsunami (DART) stations were deployed Monday off the Solomon Islands and will provide NOAA forecasters with real time data about a tsunami that could potentially strike the US Pacific coast, Hawaii, US Pacific territories, and Pacific Rim nations.

According to release from NOAA, Tsunami sensors are now positioned between Hawaii and every seismic zone that could generate a tsunami that would affect the state and beyond, including the US West Coast.

Buoys already in the western Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean have been keeping watch over the US East and Gulf coasts.

DART stations consist of a bottom pressure sensor anchored to the sea floor and a companion moored surface buoy. An acoustic link transmits data from the bottom pressure sensor to the surface buoy, before the satellite links relay the data to the NOAA tsunami warning centers. *(Continued on page 8)*

Governor Togiola creates boxing commission, appoints new members

Governor Togiola Tulafono has appointed seven members to the newly created Territorial Boxing Commission. The announcement was made through a general memorandum dated March 10.

Unasa Leroy Ledoux has been appointed commission chairman and will serve for three years along with Maiava Hunkin and George Tanoa. John Tuitele and Tunatunaolelupelele Ma'ae have been appointed to serve for two years while Roy Ausage and Tofaeono Dr. Victor Williams will each serve a one year term.

Under local law, the commission is to meet at least four times a year in January, April, July, and October, for the purpose of transacting business. However, the chairman can call special meetings after commission members are given a five-day notice.

"With their notable support and interest for the sport of boxing, I am confident that they will competently execute the responsibilities of their new appointments," Togiola said of the appointees.

Among other things, the commission has the power to cooperate with organizations and individuals engaged in the promotion and control of boxing; supervise and regulate all boxing contests and training exhibitions in connection therewith for prizes or purses, or where an admission is charged or received.

The law states that no person (including organizations and corporations) may promote, manage, conduct, hold, give, or participate in any boxing exhibition or contest without a license from the commission.

Proposed legislation seeks to dissolve the American Samoa Power Authority

Senator Salanoa Soli Aumoeualogo has introduced legislation seeking to dissolve the American Samoa Power Authority and returning its assets and operations to the Executive Branch for the creation of the American Samoa Utility Department.

Salanoa said that the proposed bill comes after ASPA has failed to provide any solutions to Senate concerns voiced over the past four years regarding electric bills that have ballooned due to higher rates.

According to the proposed measure, the new department will be headed by a director that is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The department's divisions will include electric, water, waste water, and solid waste. But, with the approval of the Governor and at the department's discretion, other divisions may be set up as necessary, for the accomplishments of its duties.

If enacted into law, the bill states that all ASPA employees, either career or contract workers, as well as all property of every kind and nature, will be transferred to the new agency.

Under the bill, ASPA's current budget will also be transferred to the new department, and the account shall be operated as an enterprise fund. Its accounting and financial management system shall be the responsibility of the Treasury Department and, at the discretion of the Governor, each division may be operated as a separate segregated enterprise fund.

Lastly, under the proposed bill, all legally incurred obligations of ASPA existing on the effective date of this act shall be transferred to and assumed by the government without prejudice to the party to whom the obligation is owed.

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorensen, Historian, Office of the Governor

On March 15, 1889, the "Great Apia Hurricane," with winds in excess of 100 miles per hour, descended upon the American, British and German warships which were anchored in Apia Harbor. The German ships SMS *Eber* and SMS *Adler* were smashed into reefs and sank, along with the American vessels USS *Trenton* and USS *Vandalia*. Britain's HMS *Calliope*, "aided by larger engines and the skillful seamanship of Captain [Henry Coey] Kane," survived by "fighting her way out to the open seas." USS *Nipsic* and SMS *Olga* had to beach themselves, and were refloated several months later. Many sailors of all three nationalities were saved by the heroic efforts of Samoan onlookers, led by Seumanutafa Moepogai of Apia village.

On March 15, 1941, USS *William P. Biddle*, carrying the U.S. Marine Corps' 7th Defense Battalion, entered Pago Pago Harbor. The 7th became the first unit of the Fleet Marine Force to operate in the South Pacific. Unloading of the ship was delayed, due to an outbreak of measles.

On March 16, 1915, Leone's first branch dispensary was started in a building rented from Leoso Ripley. The rent was paid by the Western District.

On March 17, 1889, Seumanutafa Moepogai of Apia village "render[ed] valuable assistance in directing the natives engaged in taking people and property ashore on the 17th and 18th of March" during the "Great Apia Hurricane."

On March 17, 1920, Lemauga Tuitagivale Otto Vincent Haleck, Sr., was born in the village of Alofa'u, American Samoa to Max Haleck, Sr. and Luisa Galea'i of Leone. Mr. Haleck was one of American Samoa's leading businessmen and philanthropists. His business legacy, the Haleck Group, includes Haleck Enterprises, the Haleck Bakery, Haleck Beverages, Haleck Island Motors, Makisi Home Improvement Center, the Ottoville Development Company, Haleck Apia Motors, and Islands' Choice, Inc. Lemauga sponsored many philanthropic activities, the OVH Foundation and the OVH Collection, a privately-owned museum.

On March 17, 1937, "a deep-laden transocean (*sic*) flying boat, bearing the proud name of *Pan American Clipper*, lifted smartly from the waters of San Francisco Bay, then swung westward. Ahead lay an assignment as dramatic and thrilling as any ever allotted airmen and airplane--the blazing of a 7,000-mile aerial trade route across the South Pacific to link the United States and Australasia." The airplane, a Sikorsky S-42B, license no. NC 16734, was subsequently named the *Samoan Clipper*. Under the command of Captain Edwin Musick, she pioneered the San Francisco-Honolulu-Kingman Reef-Pago Pago-Auckland route, and exploded northwest of Tutuila on January 11, 1938

On March 18, 1937, the *Pan American Clipper* (later renamed the *Samoan Clipper*), piloted by Captain Ed Musick, arrived in Honolulu, thus completing the first leg of her first South Pacific survey flight.

On March 20, 1942, Brigadier General Henry L. Larsen, USMC, and Lieutenant Colonel F.L. Hunt of the New Zealand Army signed an agreement providing for the occupation of Western Samoa by U.S. forces.

LBJ doctors get extension on USMLE tests

The LBJ Medical Center Board is giving doctors an extension to sit and pass the USMLE test by requiring non-US certified physicians to pass at least one part of the three-part US Medical Licensing Examination by the end of this year.

The issue with LBJ doctors having to sit and pass the USMLE or otherwise face termination has been highly debated over the past few months. Governor Togiola Tulafono has stated that passing the test is a requirement of the law, while the Senate has contemplated over a grandfathering bill that allows doctors who have practiced at the LBJ Hospital since before a certain year, to continue with their services without taking the test.

But the LBJ Board has issued its own decision, saying that in order for doctors to maintain employment at the LBJ Hospital, they must pass parts I and II of the USMLE by June 30, 2009, which is a year extension from the original date of June 30, 2008.

(Part I of the USMLE is normally taken by second-year medical students).

In addition to the new deadline, the LBJ Board has also adopted a resolution that details new requirements that non-US certified physicians must meet with regards to the USMLE.

According to the resolution, the additional registration requirements do not change the July 7, 2007 mandate that physicians who refuse to participate or fail to participate in the preparation and test-taking process will be subject to negative consequences including termination of employment at LBJ.

Four LBJ doctors have already taken the exam, while the majority is reported to have already signed up.

The resolution states that physicians who fail to register and pay to take either part I or part II of the examination by February 29, 2008 will still be considered to have refused to comply with LBJ policy and shall be subject to action for insubordination, which may include termination of employment, after passage of the June 30, 2008 deadline.

All physicians required to take the USMLE must register for both parts I and II of the exam no later than February 29, and valid proof of such must be provided to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO).

Doctors must pay for the exam and provide proof of payment to the CMO no later than February 29, and LBJ will in turn reimburse the costs. Reimbursement also applies to any physician who paid to register for the exam prior to the date of the resolution.

Under the resolution, all physicians required to take the USMLE exam for valid licensure must take either part I or II no later than December 31, 2008, and the remaining exam must be taken no later than June 30, 2009.

“As a condition of continued employment, all physicians required to take the USMLE exam for valid licensure must have passed parts I and II no later than August 15, 2009 and provide proof of such by that date to the CMO,” the resolution states.

LBJ will arrange, book, and pay the costs of the lowest coach airfare to and from Hawaii for the physician to be present during test day, or pay the equivalent against the difference in cost of another location if the physician chooses to take the exam somewhere other than Hawaii, with the physician footing the bill for the additional costs.

LBJ will also provide four days of per diem based on the Hawaii rate for each part of the exam taken, and four days of administrative leave for each part of the examination.

The resolution states that the LBJ, with the CMO's assistance, will provide and conduct in-house review courses, encourage study groups, and provide study materials for those who choose independent study. Participation is mandatory, on some level, and the physicians may be required to provide proof of participation in some relevant study activity.

LBJ is providing computers and assisting with the registration process to help the physicians.

A doctor who spoke to the Tapuitema on condition of anonymity said, “We have been working hard to serve the people of American Samoa for many years and now we could lose our jobs over a test that we weren't mandated to sit and pass when we were first hired? It's like they are telling us to go back to crawling, after we have been walking for most of our lives.”

Administration submits bill to pay judgment in lawsuit against LBJ and ASG

The Administration bill calling for the appropriation of \$147,320 to pay a 2006 judgment in a lawsuit filed against the LBJ Medical Center and the American Samoa Government has been introduced in the both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The lawsuit was filed in 2003 by Leasuasu Tupuono following the 2001 death of his wife Simala who went into hypovolemic shock after delivering twins through a c-section operation at LBJ Hospital.

The High Court gave the nod to a settlement agreement between Tupuono and the LBJ/ASG in Sept. 2006.

Both chambers are expected to make timely decisions on the bill which, according to Senate President Lolo Moliga, involves a long standing court judgment that needs to be resolved.

According to the Administration, payment for the judgment shall come from the Claims and Damage Fund account administered by the Office of the Attorney General, from un-budgeted and unexpended revenues of the American Samoa Government for Fiscal Year 2008, and any subsequent fiscal years until such time as all amounts due pursuant to the judgment are satisfied.

DYWA revives Samoan tradition with 'afa weaving project

The traditional art of weaving 'afa (sennit) using fibers from large coconut husks is being revived through a program spearheaded by the Department of Youth and Women's Affairs (DYWA) and its director Leiataua Leuga Turner.

The program was launched on Wednesday, March 12, during a brief ceremony held at the Utulei Beach and attended by government officials including Lt. Governor Ipulasi Aitofele Sunia.

Nine students enrolled in the Adult Basic Education program at the American Samoa Community College are participating in the program, and they will meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for six months to learn and master the 'afa weaving skill.

Producing 'afa is a lengthy process that calls for the use of husks from large coconuts (niualama or niu malo), which are soaked in sea water and beaten, before they are dried out and woven to form sennit.

A classic example of 'afa use can be witnessed inside the Fono guest fale where 'afa is used to connect lumber and pieces of wood, instead on using more modern building supplies like nails and screws.

In his speech, Lt. Governor Ipulasi said that reviving the art of 'afa weaving is a long time coming, as it is one thing to say that we can do something, and it is another thing to actually do it.

He said that he is saddened by the fact that 'afa is no longer produced locally, causing a snag in plans to erect a number of traditional Samoan fales to be completed in time for the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts set to be hosted locally beginning July 20.

According to Ipulasi, the need for 'afa has resulted in orders having to be placed in the neighboring islands of Samoa, Savai'i, and Manu'a.

Everyone who attended the launching of the project got a first hand glimpse in to the art of weaving the 'afa, which has become a popular adornment for fashionable clothing like puletasis for women and safari shirts for men.

Leiataua rewarded the honored guests with their very own niu 'afa which they were encouraged to plant.

DYWA invites all interested students to join the program. More information can be obtained by calling 633-2836.

Elementary Schools get new laptops from Gear Up American Samoa

Thanks to the federally funded Gear Up American Samoa program, a total of 68 laptops have been placed in different elementary schools across the territory.

The Gear Up program, which is administered locally by the American Samoa Community College, is designed to increase the number of disadvantaged students prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education.

Disbursement of the new laptops was based on the school's enrollment numbers. Elementary schools with larger enrollment figures like Matafao, Tafuna, Manulele, Lupelele, Pava'ia'i, and Leone Midkiff each received 10 laptops while smaller schools like Kanana Fou, Alataua Lua, Taputapu, and the South Pacific International Christian Center (SPICC) received two laptops each.

The Gear Up program, which is headed locally by director Tupua Roy Fua, underwent a one-week evaluation by a pair of evaluators from Tucson, Arizona who also witnessed Gear Up's ongoing Wrap Around Services which takes place during after school hours and encourages participation from both parents and students.

The program focuses on strengthening student skills in English and math, to help prepare them for college entrance. The program is made possible through a partnership with the Department of Education, the Department of Human and Social Services, the Department of Health, and the American Samoa National Olympic Committee.

Governor looking at ways to reduce high electricity costs

Governor Togiola Tulafono announced during his weekend radio program that he plans to establish a commission or committee whose goal will be looking for ways to reduce electricity costs, including alternative energy like wind, solar power, and the use of ocean waves.

The Governor was responding to a caller who addressed the issue of high electricity rates.

He explained that the commission's findings will be used over a 10-year period to address renewable energy resources for American Samoa, instead of continuance reliance on imported fossil fuel.

According to the Governor, while it is true that oil prices will drop, it won't be that much.

He said that finding alternative sources of energy and using them is not an easy or inexpensive task, noting that equipment used for alternative energy is not cheap.

"This is an issue faced by many countries," the Governor said. He added that he has reviewed ASPA's rates and while the base rate is lower than before, it is the continued increase in fuel costs that is the major contributing factor to the increase in electric rates.

According to the Governor, ASPA would not be able to pay its own obligations if they had to absorb the costs for producing electricity in order for the community to receive affordable rates.

ASPA looking into ways to reduce costs of electricity

Chief Executive Officer and general counsel of the American Samoa Power Authority, r. Michael Keyser said today that ASPA management has been working very hard to reduce the costs of electricity, adding that if he were to name his top three priorities, this issue would be at the top of his list.

According to a statement from ASPA, the semi-autonomous agency's current cost per kilowatt hour is hovering at around 34-cents for residential customers. In comparison, the cost per kilowatt hour on the island of Kauai, Hawaii is now up to 40-cents.

"We monitor the KIUC on a regular basis, because we're such similar entities with similar struggles," said ASPA Chief Operations Officer Reno Vivao. "The comparison works."

Keyser said that at the end of the month, ASPA will be submitting two grant proposals to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service High Cost of Energy Grant Program.

"They are competitive grants, so there is no guarantee they will be funded; but our team has put in a lot of work on the proposals and think they have a good chance of success," Keyser remarked.

The first proposal is a waste heat recovery and thermal delivery system.

According to Keyser, if successful, the project would result in roughly a 10% annual savings to all residential customers.

The second proposal is a solar power project to help ASPA's low income customers. Under this project, concentrated solar power (CSP) parabolic troughs would be installed on roughly on acre of land at ASPA's Tafuna compound.

ASPA's savings from this renewable resource would be used to lower the electric costs for ASPA's lowest income customers. Keyser explained, "The savings aren't significant, which is why we can only pass them on to our lowest income customers."

He added, "Renewable energy is a long term solution to reducing the costs of power. So long as we rely on diesel fuel, we are hostages to the world market."

The ASPA CEO stated that a comprehensive rate study is now underway and expected to conclude later this year in August. He said that the services of Economists.com, a well-respected firm with significant experience in Pacific Island ratemaking have been retained, and the study will analyze all of ASPA's costs company-wide and form the basis for revised rates.

"We will be looking very hard at removing or reducing the interdivisional subsidy," Keyser said. "As most people know, our water, sewer, and trash divisions do not generate sufficient revenue to cover their costs of service. If rates better reflected each division's costs of service, we could reduce the electric rates."

Keyser concluded by saying that they expect to hold multiple public hearings in the coming months to receive input from the public and other leaders.

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Governor Togiola joins NOAA scientists on his first trip to the Rose Atoll

Scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) were accompanied by Governor Togiola Tulafono on board the marine science research ship, the Hi'ialakai, during a cooperative study trip to the Rose Atoll (Nu'uomanu).

The vessel and the team of scientists are on a 75-day study of US islands in the Pacific, including American Samoa.

The cooperative study is to assess and monitor the health of the territory's coral reef resources. It is part of the biennial monitoring in the region, conducted by PIFSC and NMFS based in the Aloha State.

During his weekend radio program, Togiola explained that the Rose Atoll and its importance to the United States is one of the topics that has been discussed with federal officials in Washington.

Togiola said that the trip was planned last year, with the intent of exploring the uninhabited Rose Atoll - the 7th of the American Samoa islands - for the possibility of declaring it a federal national monument, an idea that Togiola says is being fully supported by other federal agencies, including the US President's Office.

If declared a national monument, it will be the only such US monument in the South Pacific, meaning more tourists and scientists will be making trips to the territory.

On board the Hi'ialakai along with the Governor are Dr. Peter Vroom, Dr. Rusty Brainard, Dr. Robert Schroeder, and 19 other scientists who will sail to the Manu'a Islands where Togiola will be dropped off to catch a flight back to Tutuila, while the Hi'ialakai and its crew continue on to the Swains Islands.

The stop in the Manu'a Islands gives scientists the chance to carry out more research and take a closer look at a large coral rock suspected to be the largest in the world. Portions of the rock will be removed and taken back to the US for further testing not only to confirm whether or not it is the largest in the world, but to determine if it could be used in climate change research.

If research reveals that the coral rock is in fact the largest in the world, Togiola says more scientists and tourists will definitely be heading over to the Manu'a Islands.

The Governor expressed his gratitude to NOAA's Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, Coral Reef Ecosystem Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the University of Hawaii, and the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations for the opportunity to visit the Rose Atoll, a place that he had never been to until now.

"This is a very special and historic trip for me, and I am truly thankful," said the Governor.

"Collectively, NOAA and its partners have accomplished so much in their studies of our environment," he added. The Governor applauds the importance of NOAA and its partners, especially what he calls "the very important role they play in helping us better understand our coral reef ecosystem and surroundings."

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LBJ donates equipment to Department of Health

On behalf of the territory's only hospital, Chief Executive Officer of the LBJ Medical Center Patricia Tindall presented a generous donation of ten hospital beds to Department of Health director Uto'ofili Asofaafetai Maga.

In addition to the beds, DOH also received seven pacemaker defibrillators, which are electric-shock machines that also monitor the heart. LBJ was able to make the donation thanks to the arrival of their new furniture that included 64 state-of-the-art electronic beds, 55 over-the-bed tables, and 50 bedside cabinets that can be seen in the different wards at LBJ Hospital.

The new furniture, which amounted to more than \$1.5 million, has received rave reviews and positive feedback from members of the community seeking medical assistance at LBJ.

Director of Health Uto'ofili, who accepted the donation on behalf of DOH, expressed his gratitude to Tindall and announced that the majority of the beds will be shipped off to the Manu'a Islands for use at the Ta'u Dispensary where there is a need for them.

The defibrillators, however, will be used at the DOH dispensaries across the territory.

Tindall said that the beds and defibrillators are in good condition and still have a lot of life left in them.

PREL accepting applications for the annual Pacific Teacher Scholarships

The Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) has issued a statement announcing the acceptance of applications for the annual Pacific Teacher Scholarships (2008-2009).

Scholarship amounts range from \$750 to \$1,000 and are awarded to those who will be in their second, third, or fourth year of study in an accredited teacher preparation program.

The scholarship fund was created in 2004 with the goal of increasing the number of qualified teachers working in the US-affiliated Pacific.

Approximately twenty-three teachers in the region have already been awarded scholarships.

Eligibility is extended interested applicants who reside in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), or the Republic of Palau who intend to teach in a public school in the US-affiliated Pacific.

All completed applications must be received by the local PREL service center or the Honolulu office by April 1, 2008.

Interested individuals may apply at the local PREL service center (www.prel.org/contactPREL.aspx), or visit PREL's Pacific Teacher Scholarship website at www.prel.org/opportunities/pacific-teacher-scholarship.aspx where application forms and instructions on how to apply can be found.

Newly installed tsunami detection buoys *(from page 1)*

NOAA administrator Conrad C. Lautenbacher said, "Completing the US tsunami warning system is truly a monumental triumph that includes the advancement of the science, the development and testing of cutting edge technology, and the large scale project management skills that brought it all together on a global scale."

The DART network serves as the cornerstone to the US tsunami warning system.

NOAA encourages state and local communities to improve their resiliency to tsunamis by participating in the TsunamiReady program, which serves to educate the public about the threat of a tsunami and ensure people know what to do when NOAA issues a tsunami warning.

NOAA, an agency of the US Commerce Department, is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED AGENCY ACTION

Pursuant ASCA Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 4.1001, et seq., and ASCA Sections 19.0103 and 19.0206, the Commerce Commission gives notice of intended action to amend the Title 19, Chapter 01, Section 19.0101, et seq., of the American Samoa Administrative Code, Transportation of Persons and Freight. The substance of the amendments includes:

- Establish new taxi rates and require posting of rates and photo ID of drivers.
- Prescribing uniform colors of taxis.
- Prohibiting tinted windows on commercial vehicles.
- Prohibiting smoking in taxis or busses.
- Prescribing minimum size for busses.
- Setting procedure for applying for a Certificate of Convenience.
- Renumbering Title 19, Chapter 01.

A full text copy of the proposed action can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Executive Office Building, 2nd Floor, during business hours. Interested persons may present data, views, and arguments, orally or in writing on or before March 28, 2008.

Date: February 26, 2008


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